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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - DECEMBER QUARTER, 1965 AND YEAR 1965

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter and the year ended 31st December, 1965.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1952, Tables 2 and 3 the details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia, Table 4 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years, and Table 5 a summary for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 50, 1962 and 1963.

All monetary amounts are shown in decimal currency (1 pound = 2 dollars).

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per Worker Involved	
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	6,880
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	6,675
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	6,042
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	6,621
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	7,934
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	4,617
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	3,181
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	2,754
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	5,854
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	5,447
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	4,244
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	4,991
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,345	460,204	14,810	475,014	815,779	1.72	8,198
1963 - Dec. Qtr.	315	137,632	1,507	139,139	196,388	1.41	1,627
1964 - March Qtr.	313	127,364	3,257	130,621	154,319	1.18	1,296
June "	331	152,272	5,110	157,382	195,901	1.25	1,741
Sept. "	401	161,333	3,995	165,328	179,613	1.09	1,709
Dec. "	289	87,848	4,449	92,297	381,525	4.13	3,814
1965 - March Qtr.	311	119,590	3,638	123,228	260,096	2.11	2,857
June "	293	109,002	3,045	112,047	142,925	1.28	1,408
Sept. "	461	175,582	5,550	181,132	288,555	1.59	2,735
Dec. "	280	56,030	2,577	58,607	124,203	2.12	1,197

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.  
(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



**TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS**  
**QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965 (b)**

Industry Groups	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
<b>NUMBER OF DISPUTES</b>							
Agriculture, Grazing etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	60	..	8	..	..	..	68
Other Mining and Quarrying	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	49	11	4	3	1	..	68
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	7	4	7	..	1	..	19
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Paper, Printing, etc.	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other Manufacturing	14	4	..	..	..	..	19
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	73	20	11	3	2	..	110
Building and Construction	28	1	9	2	4	2	47
Railway and Tramway Services	3	1	4	1	..	..	9
Road and Air Transport	7	..	2	2	..	1	12
Shipping	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stevedoring	8	8	2	1	1	..	20
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other Industries (d)	3	3	..	1	..	1	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	188	33	36	10	7	4	280

<b>WORKERS INVOLVED (e)</b>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	14,675	..	724	..	..	..	15,399
Other Mining and Quarrying	97	..	..	..	..	..	97
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	11,594	1,984	201	58	1,620	..	15,457
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	222	..	..	..	..	..	222
Food, Drink and Tobacco	980	1,630	1,299	..	43	..	3,952
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	143	..	..	..	..	143
Paper, Printing, etc.	68	..	..	..	..	..	68
Other Manufacturing	1,112	360	..	..	..	..	1,513
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	13,976	4,117	1,500	58	1,663	..	21,355
Building and Construction	2,683	80	1,377	4,031	304	90	8,698
Railway and Tramway Services	207	190	844	989	..	..	2,230
Road and Air Transport	3,186	644	169	206	..	65	4,270
Shipping	49	..	..	..	..	..	49
Stevedoring	343	537	169	83	254	..	1,386
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	88	..	..	..	..	..	88
Other Industries (d)	1,452	2,976	..	497	..	110	5,035
<u>TOTAL</u>	36,756	8,544	4,783	5,864	2,221	265	58,607

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) In respect of disputes which commenced in the previous quarter, this table includes all "Working Days Lost" and the total "Estimated Loss in Wages" during the current quarter. However, only workers additional to those involved in the previous quarter are included in "Workers Involved".

(c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For footnotes (d), (e) and (f) see page 3.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965 (b) - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
<u>WORKING DAYS LOST</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	23,291	..	1,319	..	..	..	24,610
Other Mining and Quarrying	919	..	..	..	..	..	919
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	17,369	2,171	392	259	567	..	20,758
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	903	..	..	..	..	..	903
Food, Drink and Tobacco	2,529	12,996	2,519	..	26	..	18,070
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	70	..	..	..	..	70
Paper, Printing, etc.	236	..	..	..	..	..	236
Other Manufacturing	1,753	1,253	..	..	..	..	3,029
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	22,790	16,490	2,911	259	593	..	43,066
Building and Construction	5,026	10	3,042	2,297	644	60	12,238
Railway and Tramway Services	447	1,676	840	1,844	..	..	4,807
Road and Air Transport	3,719	12,161	641	497	..	20	17,038
Shipping	28	..	..	..	..	..	28
Stevedoring	423	840	266	132	13	..	1,674
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	236	..	..	..	..	..	236
Other Industries (d)	821	16,864	..	1,847	..	55	19,587
<u>TOTAL</u>	57,700	48,041	9,019	6,876	1,250	135	124,203

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000) (f)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	219.7	..	15.9	..	..	..	235.6
Other Mining and Quarrying	10.6	..	..	..	..	..	10.6
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	159.9	21.4	4.0	2.3	4.4	..	192.0
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	8.0	..	..	..	..	..	8.0
Food, Drink and Tobacco	23.8	121.2	22.6	..	0.2	..	167.8
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.7
Paper, Printing, etc.	2.4	..	..	..	..	..	2.4
Other Manufacturing	17.7	10.5	..	..	..	..	28.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	211.7	153.8	26.6	2.3	4.6	..	399.3
Building and Construction	52.7	0.1	33.8	24.8	10.7	0.6	138.8
Railway and Tramway Services	2.3	19.8	7.7	23.2	..	..	52.9
Road and Air Transport	40.1	110.9	6.1	4.9	..	0.2	162.1
Shipping	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	0.3
Stevedoring	4.4	8.5	2.8	1.4	0.1	..	17.2
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Services, etc.	2.0	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
Other Industries (d)	8.0	155.0	..	15.1	..	0.5	178.6
<u>TOTAL</u>	551.8	447.9	92.9	71.8	15.4	1.2	1,197.4

For footnotes (a), (b) and (c) see page 2.

- d) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.
- e) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.
- f) For "Estimated Loss in Wages" any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>NUMBER OF DISPUTES</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	184	..	23	..	1	..	208
Other Mining and Quarrying	3	..	2	..	..	..	7
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	230	55	15	17	8	..	326
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	3	2	..	..	..	..	5
Food, Drink and Tobacco	29	34	54	..	1	..	119
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Paper, Printing, etc.	18	1	..	..	1	..	20
Other Manufacturing	59	15	3	2	2	..	82
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	339	108	72	19	12	..	553
Building and Construction	108	22	43	7	6	3	196
Railway and Tramway Services	8	5	8	3	..	1	25
Road and Air Transport	23	3	3	2	..	1	32
Shipping	5	..	1	..	..	..	6
Stevedoring	136	60	30	15	11	10	271
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	12	..	..	..	..	..	12
Other Industries (c)	14	9	4	2	3	2	35
<u>TOTAL</u>	832	207	186	48	33	17	1,345

WORKERS INVOLVED (d)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	33,098	..	1,935	..	165	..	35,198
Other Mining and Quarrying	1,944	..	1,850	..	..	..	3,818
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	53,586	18,015	690	7,275	2,656	..	82,472
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1,451	717	..	..	..	..	2,168
Food, Drink and Tobacco	8,402	16,275	16,190	..	43	..	40,921
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	143	..	..	..	..	143
Paper, Printing, etc.	2,726	102	..	..	200	..	3,028
Other Manufacturing	10,395	3,094	456	224	76	..	14,286
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	76,560	38,346	17,336	7,499	2,975	..	143,018
Building and Construction	12,484	3,531	7,922	5,067	389	98	30,223
Railway and Tramway Services	23,478	1,579	2,713	2,270	..	1,305	31,345
Road and Air Transport	24,385	9,159	189	206	..	65	34,004
Shipping	496	..	8	..	..	..	504
Stevedoring	73,604	60,683	21,248	12,787	8,882	3,530	181,857
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	548	..	..	..	..	..	748
Other Industries (c)	4,459	8,470	368	637	200	133	14,299
<u>TOTAL</u>	251,056	121,768	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,014

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (See Tables 5 and 6, page 7)

For footnotes (c), (d) and (e) see page 5.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965 - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>WORKING DAYS LOST</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	47,322	..	3,157	..	514	..	50,993
Other Mining and Quarrying	2,766	..	119,440	..	..	..	122,230
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	86,361	23,255	1,977	8,836	2,042	..	122,596
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	4,540	2,790	..	..	..	..	7,330
Food, Drink and Tobacco	16,675	63,460	28,761	..	26	..	109,200
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	70	..	..	..	..	70
Paper, Printing, etc.	6,600	194	..	..	75	..	6,869
Other Manufacturing	27,435	21,241	1,019	710	45	..	50,473
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	141,611	111,010	31,757	9,546	2,188	..	296,538
Building and Construction	23,855	10,176	15,543	3,254	925	84	55,917
Railway and Tramway Services	45,492	2,466	2,550	2,186	..	1,305	53,999
Road and Air Transport	29,439	20,099	671	497	..	20	50,726
Shipping	500	..	22	..	..	..	522
Stevedoring	71,803	48,936	16,414	8,994	6,202	2,420	155,520
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	1,112	..	..	..	..	..	1,212
Other Industries (c)	4,042	21,570	340	1,902	191	65	28,122
<u>TOTAL</u>	367,942	214,257	189,894	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,779

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000) (e)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	453.7	..	35.0	..	5.2	..	493.9
Other Mining and Quarrying	41.6	..	1,530.0	..	..	..	1,571.9
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	797.9	222.8	20.1	72.6	15.4	..	1,129.9
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	43.9	16.5	..	..	..	..	60.4
Food, Drink and Tobacco	145.2	576.1	268.1	..	0.2	..	992.8
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.7
Paper, Printing, etc.	64.2	2.7	..	..	0.5	..	67.5
Other Manufacturing	275.2	220.4	9.5	8.7	0.5	..	514.6
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	1,326.4	1,039.2	297.7	81.4	16.6	..	2,765.9
Building and Construction	237.6	121.1	158.2	33.4	13.4	0.8	592.3
Railway and Tramway Services	352.3	25.6	22.5	26.1	..	15.0	441.4
Road and Air Transport	278.1	180.9	6.4	4.9	..	0.2	470.4
Shipping	4.8	..	0.3	..	..	..	5.1
Stevedoring	735.8	499.7	168.3	91.9	63.5	24.8	1,591.8
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Services, etc.	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	9.5
Other Industries (c)	40.1	194.7	2.7	15.6	2.0	0.6	255.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,479.1	2,061.2	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.1

For footnotes (a) and (b) see page 4.

- (c) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.
- (d) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.
- (e) For "Estimated Loss in Wages" any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.



TABLE 4. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
<u>NUMBER OF DISPUTES</u>							
1961	529	91	123	26	22	14	815
1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,183
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	207	186	48	33	17	1,345
1964 - Dec. Qtr.	178	44	43	9	8	3	289
1965 - March Qtr.	182	50	40	17	11	6	311
June "	169	54	42	13	6	4	293
Sept. "	293	70	68	8	9	3	461
Dec. "	188	33	36	10	7	4	280

WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

1961	136,956	52,747	78,240	17,333	9,687	4,661	300,357
1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,768	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,014
1964 - Dec. Qtr.	52,386	17,556	11,284	7,649	2,732	404	92,297
1965 - March Qtr.	63,918	22,930	16,217	12,669	4,686	2,649	123,228
June "	45,299	45,701	11,072	5,349	3,202	1,066	112,047
Sept. "	105,083	44,593	21,497	4,584	2,502	1,151	181,132
Dec. "	36,756	8,544	4,783	5,864	2,221	265	58,607

WORKING DAYS LOST

1961	318,629	72,471	168,958	17,256	23,233	4,622	606,811
1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,257	189,894	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,779
1964 - Dec. Qtr.	114,488	172,191	38,382	52,626	3,037	578	381,525
1965 - March Qtr.	83,137	30,833	128,571	11,655	3,270	2,270	260,096
June "	54,554	53,679	27,260	4,228	2,437	440	142,925
Sept. "	172,551	81,704	25,044	3,620	3,063	1,049	288,555
Dec. "	57,700	48,041	9,019	6,876	1,250	135	124,203

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 5. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : NORTHERN TERRITORY

Year	Number of Disputes	Workers Involved (b)	Working Days Lost	Estimated Loss in Wages (\$'000)
1961	4	456	709	8.0
1962	6	428	298	2.6
1963	8	915	968	9.4
1964	6	602	437	4.2
1965	17	1,748	2,784	35.0
Industry Groups, 1965 -				
Mining and Quarrying	1	13	13	0.1
Building and Construction	7	612	2,020	27.1
Stevedoring	9	1,123	751	7.7

For footnotes see Table 6, below.

TABLE 6. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Year	Number of Disputes	Workers Involved (b)	Working Days Lost	Estimated Loss in Wages (\$'000)
1961	6	277	933	8.0
1962	7	4,110	3,608	30.0
1963	11	878	1,477	13.2
1964	7	2,076	1,343	13.2
1965	5	665	609	6.2
Industry Groups, 1965 (c) -				
Mining and Quarrying	1	11	11	0.1
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	1	250	125	1.1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	1	11	278	3.2
Other Manufacturing	1	41	23	0.3
Building and Construction	..	120	60	0.6
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	200	100	0.8
Other Industries	1	32	12	0.1

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(c) An industrial dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the statistics of "Number of Disputes". In such a case it is included in the industry group which had the largest number of workers involved. Figures of "Workers Involved", "Working Days Lost" and "Estimated Loss in Wages" are allocated to their respective industry groups.

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